

R E M A R K S

The office action of June 5, 2006, has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 15-21, 23, 25-26, 28-33, and 37-40 remain in this case, claim 36 being cancelled by this response.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §102

2. Claims 28-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Michaelewicz, US Published Application 2001/0051936 Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection, but in any event with the amendment of claim 28 the rejection has become moot.

Claim 28 has been rewritten to incorporate claim 36, making claim 28 into the equivalent of claim 36 rewritten in independent form, which the Examiner indicated was allowable. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 36-39 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 28, upon which claims 36-39 depended, has been rewritten to incorporate claim 36, and claim 36 was accordingly cancelled. This makes claim 28 into claim 36 rewritten in independent form, which the Examiner said would be allowable. Claims 37-39, being dependent upon and further narrowing allowable claim 28 as amended, should thus be patentable as well. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

2. Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner's statement that claims 15-21, 23, 25, 26 and 40 are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that all of the claims, as amended, are now patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus

respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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